

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK
Children, Family & Futures

HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS

MINUTES

May 10, 2004

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center
17800 Outer Highway 18
Apple Valley, CA

In Attendance:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-Introductions were made.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Approval of April Minutes

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. Guest Speaker: Kent Paxton, Network Officer – Children’s Network – Perinatal Leadership Team Activities – “Drug Babies”

Please see attached power point for presentation notes.

5. Roundtable/Discussion

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino:

- Asked for feedback about the current RFA process.
- Mary reminded the group to review the funding opportunities for May.

Susan Melanson of Children’s Network:

- 18th Annual Children’s Network Conference September 29 & 30
- Exhibitor Applications were made available to the group
- Safe Summer campaign materials were also made available to the group
- Gave overview of what the Child Abuse Campaign will entail
- Please contact her if you have any questions, (909) 387-8966 or if you would like materials.

Peggy Dub of the Department of Children’s Services:

- The Department of Children’s Services are conducting focus groups for Kinship Caregivers in the west end and high desert
- During the first week or two of June, looking for meeting place
- Brochure available to group, announcement will be sent when focus groups will be held
- 3rd annual kinship care conference is June 8, 2004, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Bernardino Hilton
- Registration forms were made available to the group

Brenda Keeling of Victor Valley Community Services Council:

- Starting June 1st they will be providing referral information for Health Families in collaboration with IEHP and First 5 San Bernardino.

Martha Huff of CAH/CHDP:

- Martha reported through Public Health, children with no insurance are provided referrals for CHDP exams through the Gateway Program and then referred to either Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

Cathy Smith of Alpha Connection:

- Summer car wash to raise funds on corner of Bear Valley Rd. and Hwy. 18
- Donations accepted

Robert Decker of Clear View Treatment Center:

- Robert reported they currently operate three homes for teens with substance abuse and are planning on opening two more in July in Apple Valley.
- Robert recently did a presentation for HSS (Human Services System) staff and offered to come speak to groups wanting to know more about their services.

Darryl Kirkland of DARR – TAMM:

- Serve infants and children with HIV
- Helping by providing information
- More info: www.dwk.dt@yahoo.com

June Chandler of Volunteers of America – Early HeadStart:

- They are currently looking for funding through the Collaborative process to start an Early Steps – Early Head Start in the desert, since their funding ended last year.

Robert Decker agreed to be the speaker for the local presentation for the month of June and Darryl Kirkland of DARR – TAMM agreed to be the local presenter for July. The keynote speaker for June will be Brian Thomson, CWSM – Department of Children's Services regarding the update of the Child Welfare Services Redesign.

*The community meetings are a collaborative of Children's Network and First 5 San Bernardino. First 5 San Bernardino serves the 0-5 population and Children's Network serves up to age 18 and sometimes beyond that.

- 6. Next Meeting Date: June 14, 2004 9:00 am**
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Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Williams, Children's Network
High Desert Partnership for Kids Recording Secretary

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